

CLAIMS

1. Composition of foundation type, comprising, in a physiologically acceptable medium, at least one colouring agent, characterized in that it is capable, when it is applied to a dark skin, of producing a positive lightness variation ΔL^* between 0.5 and 4 and a positive saturation variation ΔC^* of between 0.5 and 4.
2. Composition according to Claim 1, characterized in that ΔL^* is between 0.5 and 3 and ΔC^* between 0.5 and 3.
3. Composition according to Claim 1, characterized in that ΔL^* is between 0.5 and 2.5 and ΔC^* between 0.5 and 2.5.
4. Composition according to any one of the preceding claims, characterized in that it is also capable of producing a negative variation in the coxellographic index Δi_{cox} of less than or equal to -0.4 , preferably less than or equal to -0.5 and more preferably less than or equal to -1 , for an individual having before makeup a coxellographic index i_{cox} of greater than or equal to 5.
5. Composition according to one of the preceding claims, characterized in that it has a lightness L^* of greater than or equal to 34, a position b^* on the blue/yellow axis of between 28 and 42 and a saturation C^* of between 31 and 52, better still a lightness L^* of between 34 and 41, a value b^* of between 33 and 42 and a saturation C^* of between 37 and 46.
6. Composition according to any one of Claims 1 to 4, characterized in that it has a lightness L^* of greater than or equal to 34, a position b^* on the blue/yellow axis of between 23 and 39 and a saturation C^* of between 27 and 47, better still a lightness L^* of between 34 and 48, a position b^* of between 27 and 35 and a saturation C^* of between 31 and 41.
7. Composition according to any one of Claims 1 to 4, characterized in that it has a lightness L^* of greater than or equal to 34, a position b^* on the blue/yellow axis of between 19 and 33 and a saturation C^* of between 23 and 40, and especially a lightness L^* of between 34 and 42, a position b^* of between 23 and 29 and a saturation C^* of between 28 and 35.
8. Composition according to any one of Claims 1 to 4, characterized in that it has a lightness L^* of greater than or equal to 39, a position b^* on the blue/yellow axis of

between 23 and 39 and a saturation C^* of between 38 and 41, and better still a lightness L^* of between 39 and 48, a position b^* of between 28 and 35 and a saturation C^* of between 33 and 41.

5 9. Composition according to any one of Claims 1 to 4, characterized in that it has a lightness L^* of greater than or equal to 51, a position b^* on the blue/yellow axis of between 14 and 25 and a saturation C^* of between 18 and 31, and better still a lightness L^* of between 51 and 63, a position b^* of between 14 and 25 and a saturation C^* of between 22 and 28.

10 10. Composition according to any one of Claims 1 to 9, characterized in that it constitutes a liquid foundation.

11. Composition according to any one of the preceding claims, characterized in that it is packaged with a coloured indicator (20) that imitates at least one skin colour that the composition is suitable for lightening.

15 12. Use of a composition as defined in any one of Claims 1 to 11, for lightening a dark skin.

13. Use of the composition as defined in Claim 5, for lightening a skin having a complexion defined by a lightness of between 35 and 42 and a saturation of between 13 and 20.

20 14. Use of the composition as defined in Claim 5, for lightening a skin having a complexion defined by a lightness of less than 42 and a saturation of less than 21.

15. Use of the composition as defined in Claim 9, for lightening a skin having a complexion defined by a lightness of between 35 and 42 and a saturation of between 13 and 20.

25 16. Method for lightening a dark skin, comprising the application to the skin of a composition as defined in any one of Claims 1 to 11.

17. Method for making up a dark skin, comprising the application to the skin of a composition as defined in any one of Claims 1 to 11.